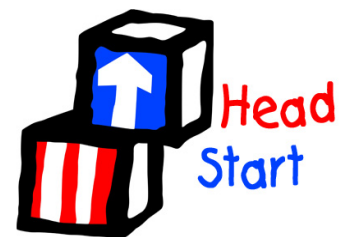




MAKING AN IMPACT

ON EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH AND BEYOND



ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH
HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START

MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR:

The Head Start and Early Head Start Program remains an important cornerstone of East Baton Rouge Parish. This program is continually helping to mold, shape, and transform the lives of children and families through early childhood educational services, in addition to services that address family needs. The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start and Early Head Start Program have reached unprecedented milestones in service and dedication to the mission of the program through a continual spirit of excellence.

This 2013-2014 Annual Report highlights the successes we are experiencing in the Head Start Program, including student achievement, parental involvement, and responsiveness to community needs. As the Head Start program continues to achieve high milestones in Early childhood education, we will never become complacent. Our goal is to achieve even greater tangible successes as we meet the challenges of the future, and embrace every challenge as an opportunity.

Head Start Mission: *Provide high-quality, comprehensive programs relating to health, disabilities, education, and family services to eligible low-income children and their families.*

The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program uses a variety of teaching strategies and teaching resources to analyze children's progress, demonstrate program results, and plan improvements to ensure the development of children ages 6 months - 5 years. The creative curriculum developmental continuum is an assessment system that allows teachers to record by scale, children's development individually and in groups.

We have consistently proven that we are a high performing organization in early childhood education. The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program received \$9,929,225 in federal grants for 2014.

The East Baton Rouge Parish Early Head Start Program received \$1,016,200 in federal grants. In 2014, the Head Start Program served a total of 1,502 children while the Early Head Start Program served 72 children and a total of 16 pregnant mothers.

There were a total of ninety (90) teachers in the Head Start Program, of which fifteen (15) held at least an Associate's Degree, fifty (50) held at least a Bachelor's Degree, and twenty-five (25) held a Master's Degree. Unfortunately, there are many external factors that impact the Head Start Program such as state budget cuts to Louisiana preschool educational and social service programs, increased unemployment, decreasing numbers of public child care providers, and increasing numbers of families receiving public assistance. The Head Start Program accepts these unfortunate circumstances and are continuously being innovative in identifying solutions and strategies to these challenges to meet the needs of those most vulnerable to society.

The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program leveraged funding resources with \$2,180,885 of in-kind contributions to the program for 2014, and although in-kind contributions did decrease from the preceding year, we have created systems to better track and attract volunteer and in-kind contributions.

We hope you enjoy reading this report, and feel free to extend a helping hand, as we help children and families grow their minds and improve their quality of living.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Ferguson



PROGRAMS

BY THE NUMBERS

100%

Compliance on
Federal Triennial
reviews in 2014

1,679

Total cumulative
enrollment in the Head
Start/Early Head Start
Programs in 2014.

94

Total number of
Teachers in the Parish
Head Start Program
in 2014.

\$9,929,225

Federal grant
dollars received by
East Baton Rouge
Parish Head Start
Program in 2014.

\$1,016,200

Dollars used to serve
56 Children and 16
Pregnant Mothers
through the East
Baton Rouge Parish
Early Head Start
Program in 2014.

\$2,180,885

Total amount of in-
kind contributions to
the program in 2014

OUR IMPACT

EDUCATION



EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH POLICY COUNCIL

The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council consists of parent representatives and alternates from each Head Start Center. The Council also consists of community representatives and two representatives from the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council. The purpose and responsibilities of the Policy Council is to ensure that the Head Start/Early Head Start program meets all federal fiscal management and programmatic guidelines, meets student performance standards, recruits and hires qualified staff, and develops and conducts an annual self-assessment, community assessment, and strategic plan.

LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

2014 POLICY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND DESIGNEES:

Crystal Culbreath, President

Brandi Alexander

Marlisher Browder

Shenika Chambers

Zinnia Charles

Latasha Davis

Lakeisha Dougherty

Diedre Ferguson

Shemica Givens

Helisha Green

Darrell Hawthorne

Melvin Hughes

Tierra Jackson

Mildred Jolla

Shayla Jones

Alonzo King

Rowshonda Lane

Rhonda Litt, Community Representative

C. Denise Marcelle, EBRP Council Rep.

LeVillia Moore

Angela Mosby

Shimeka Perness

Dekindra Pleasant

Dionneka Posey

Amy Stevens

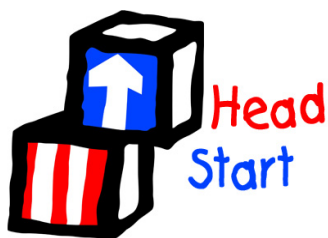
Barbara Varmall, Community Rep.

Kendra Wagner

Kandice Warner

Dominique Whitlock

Tania Williams



Education:



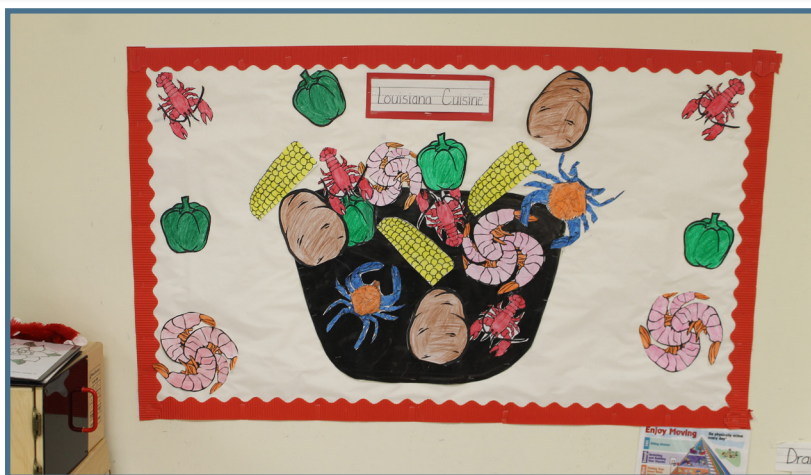
Our education program is designed to be responsive and appropriate to a variety of children's needs and strengths, and to stimulate learning across all domains of development: social, emotional, cognitive and physical.



Nutrition:



The child nutrition program primarily focuses on promoting wellness of the child and family. Head Start children are served a balanced breakfast and lunch, and a nutritious snack daily. The children and parents are offered the opportunity to receive special dietary services from the staff dietitian. Nutrition consultations are also provided for specific dietary needs, such as children with diabetes.



Physical Health:



Head Start partners with medical providers to provide physicals, dental exams, vision screenings, speech screenings, hearing screenings, and special medical referrals to meet the physical health and well-being needs of the children.

Head Start partners with parents to support the health and wellness of the children. Head Start records each child's height and weight to determine their body mass index (BMI). BMI is used as a screening tool to identify possible weight problems for children. The

Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommend the use of BMI to screen for overweight and obesity in children beginning at 2 years of age.

Along with promoting healthy eating habits and a healthy weight, Head Start provides education awareness around preventing lead poisoning and increasing hemoglobin levels.



Family Service:

Head Start Family Services offer opportunities and support towards self-sufficiency, so that needs, interests and strengths are identified. Our objective is to support parents as they identify and meet their own goals.



Parental Empowerment:

We strive to nurture the development of Head Start children in the context of family and to be advocates in communities that are supportive of children and families of all cultures. The building of trust by parents and staff allows for parental empowerment with emphasis on relationship building.



Disability Services:

All children, including those with disabilities, receive the full range of Head Start developmental services. Head Start staff works closely with the local education and community agencies to provide services that meet the special needs of children with disabilities.

FACT:
10%

East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start reserves enrollment of 10% of the funded enrollment slots for children with disabilities.

Fatherhood Initiative

Head Start has developed a special fatherhood initiative to support and strengthen the role of fathers in families. The initiative is guided by the following principles:

- All fathers can be important contributors to the well-being of their children.
- Men should receive the education and support necessary to prepare them for the responsibility of parenthood.
- The role fathers play in families is diverse and related to cultural and community norms.



Transportation

The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program provides transportation to a limited number of enrolled children through a formal contractual agreement with transportation providers.





Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Grand Parents Raising Grandchildren Support Group initiative provided grandparents with the opportunity to interact and learn from each other. In addition, the agency shares information regarding family relations counseling, types of custody, negotiating systems in social services, and legal issues.





EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM

In Louisiana, fifty-six (56%) percent of births are to unmarried women compared to 40.8 percent nationally. Births to single mothers are at higher risk of having adverse birth outcomes such as low birth weight, pre-term birth, and infant mortality than are children born to married women (Ventura & Bachrach, 2000). Children born to single mothers are more likely to have instability in living arrangements, live in poverty, have social and emotional problems, and by adolescence have lower educational attainment (Aquilino, 1996).

The Early Head Start program provides ongoing training for expecting parents. The program operates year round, five days per week, for forty-eight (48) weeks. Children range from six (6) months to three (3) years of age, and pregnant mothers and infants range from birth to six (6) months. The program provides mental health assessments and treatment, monitors and tracks physical health, dental health, speech ability, and hearing for all parents and children enrolled.





The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program Is Always Seeking Highly Qualified Applicants!
 In 2014, The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Sponsored A Job Fair!
 Over 200 Job Seekers From The Baton Rouge And Surrounding Areas Attended The Job Fair!
 If You Or Someone You Know Are Interested In Joining The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Family, Visit:
 1755 Florida St.

Baton Rouge, La 70802
 (225) 389-3129 Office
 (225) 389-5314 Fax
 (225) 389-3132 Recruiting
 (225) 389-7691 Tdd
 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. M-F
 Or Visit [Http://Brgov.Com/Dept/Hr/](http://Brgov.Com/Dept/Hr/)

Minimum Requirement: Must Have Love And Compassion For Children And Families
 East Baton Rouge Parish Government Is An Equal Employment Opportunity Organization



**WE'RE
 ACCEPTING
 APPLICATIONS**

BY THE NUMBERS

BUDGET & FINANCE

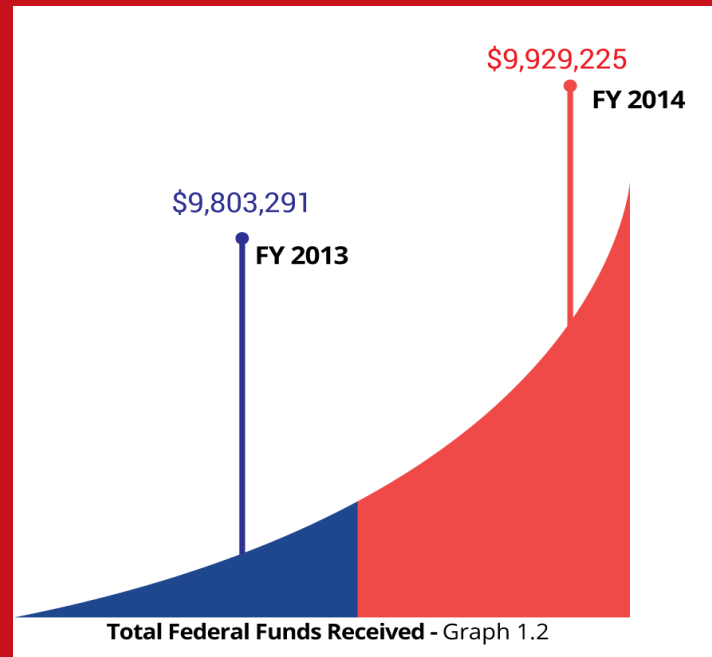
The total 2014 budget for the East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program was \$10,945,425. The total budget increased from 2013, which was \$10,606,069. The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program received \$9,929,225 in federal grants for 2014 compared to \$9,803,291 in federal grants for 2013. The East Baton Rouge Parish Early Head Start Program received \$1,016,200 for 2014 to serve children and pregnant mothers, which is an increase from the \$802,778 the Early Head Start Program received in the preceding year to serve approximately 56 children and 16 pregnant mothers in the Early Head Start Program. The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program leveraged funding resources with \$2,180,885, which is a decrease from

what the program received in 2013 of \$2,555,361 in in-kind contributions. The program spent a total of \$5,267,700 on administrative and program salaries broken down as follows and compared to 2013:

- Administrative Salaries - \$276,480 (2014); \$328,746 (2013)
- Program Salaries - \$5,252,440 (2014); \$5,060,173 (2013)
- Total Salaries - \$5,528,920 (2014); \$5,388,919 (2013)

While total salary expenditures did increase from 2013, administrative salaries decreased by approximately 16%, and program salaries increased by roughly 4%. The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program spent \$140,544 in 2014 on staff training, which is an increase from the \$135,649 that was spent in 2013. The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program also provides transportation services for participating children at select centers around the parish, and the cost to the program to provide these services totaled \$237,358 in 2014.

Total Program Budget - Graph 1.1



▲ **\$5,252,440**

Total program dollars budgeted on program salaries. A 4% increase from \$5,060,173 in 2013.

▼ **\$276,480**

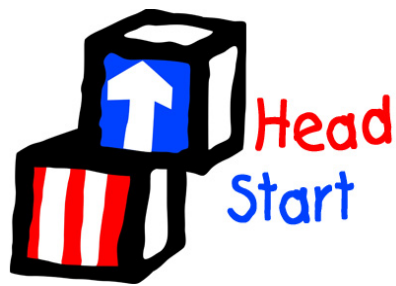
Total program dollars budgeted on administrative salaries in 2014. A 16% decrease from \$328,746 in 2013.

\$5,528,920

Total program dollars budgeted on administrative and program salaries.



WHO WE SERVE



Type of Eligibility:

	Head Start # of Children	Early Head Start # of Children/Pregnant Women
Income below 100% of federal poverty line	1305	98
Receipt of public assistance such as TANF, SSI	254	25
Status as a foster child-# of children only	4	-
Status as homeless	15	3
Over income	8	3
Enrollees exceeding the allowed over income enrollment with family incomes between 100% and 130% of the federal poverty line	93	3

Prior Enrollment:

Enrolled in Head Start or Early Head Start for:	Head Start # of Children	Early Head Start # of Children
The second year	463	63
Three or more years	14	40

Ethnicity:

	Head Start # of Children	Early Head Start # of Pregnant Women
Hispanic or Latino Origin	27	-
Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino Origin	1652	132

Race:		
	Head Start # of Children	Early Head Start # of Children/Pregnant Women
American Indian or Alaska Na- tive	0	0
Asian	4	0
Black or African American	1607	130
White	12	1
Biracial/Multi-racial	20	1
Other	36	0

Primary Language of Family At Home:		
	Head Start # of Children	Early Head Start # of Children/Pregnant Women
English	1648	132
Spanish	24	0
Native Central American, South American, Mexican Languages,	6	0
East Asian Languages	1	0

Total Staff:		
	Head Start # of Staff	Early Head Start # of Staff
Number of all staff members, regardless of the funding source for their salary or number of hours worked	271	21
Of these, the number who are current or former Head Start or Early Head Start Parents	46	1
Of these, the number who left since last year's PIR was re- ported	7	0
Of these, the number who were replaced	0	0

WHO WE SERVE

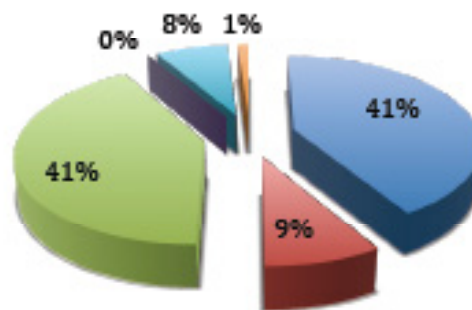
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Total Staff:

	Head Start # of Classroom Teachers	Early Head Start # of Classroom Teachers	Head Start # of Assistant Teachers	Early Head Start of Assistant Teachers	Head Start # of Child Development Supervisors	Early Head Start # of Child Development Supervisors
Total number of preschool child development staff by position	78	16	78	0	14	2

Total number of preschool child development staff by position

- # of Classroom Teachers HS
- # of Classroom Teachers EHS
- # of Assistant Teacher HS
- # of Assistant Teacher EHS
- # of Child Development Supervisors HS
- # of Child Development Supervisors EHS



Children and Family Services		
Children and Family Health Services	Head Start # of Children at end of Enrollment Year	Early Head Start # of Children at end of Enrollment Year
Number of all children with health insurance	1679	103
Number enrolled in Medicaid and/or CHIP	1653	103
Number with private health insurance (for example, parent's insurance)	21	0
Number with health insurance other than listed above (for example, Military health, Tri-Care or Champus)	5	0
Number of children with no health insurance	0	0

Dental Home-Children:				
	Head Start # of Children at Enrollment	Early Head Start # of Children at Enrollment	Head Start # of Children at end of Enrollment Year	Early Head Start # of Children at end of Enrollment Year
Continuous, accessible dental care provided by a dentist	1679	73	1679	103

Preschool Disabilities Services		
Number of Families	Head Start # of Children Part B	Early Head Start # of Children Part C
Individual Education Plan (IEP) indicating they have been determined eligible by the part B agency to receive intervention services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)	141	N/A
Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) indicating they have been determined eligible by the Part C Agency to receive early intervention services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)	N/A	39

A.**Family & Community Partnerships:**

Number of Families	Head Start # of Families at Enrollment	Early Head Start # of Families at Enrollment
Total number of families	1556	111
Of these, the number of two-parent families	76	4
Of these, the number of single-parent families	1480	107

B.**Employment:**

	Head Start # of Families at Enrollment	Early Head Start # of Families at Enrollment
Of the number of two-parent families, the number of families in which both parents/guardians are employed	6	1
Of the number of two-parent families, the number of families in which one parent/guardian is employed	53	3
Of the number of two-parent families, the number of families in which both parents/guard- ians are not working (i.e. unem- ployed, retired, disabled)	17	0
Of the number of single-parent families, the number of families in which the parent/guardian is employed	774	55
Of the number of single-parent families, the number of families in which the parent/guardian is not working (i.e. unemployed, retired, disabled)	706	52
The number of all families in which at least one parent/guard- ian is a member of the United States Military on active duty	2	0

C.**Federal or Other Assistance:**

	Head Start # of Families at Enrollment	Early Head Start # of Families at Enrollment
Total number of families receiving any cash benefits or other services under the Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program	47	7
Total number of families receiving Supplementary Security Income (SSI)	203	26
Total number of families receiving services under the special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	630	65
Total number of families receiving services under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly referred to as Food Stamps	976	64

D.**Job Training/School:**

	Head Start # of Families at Enrollment	Early Head Start # of Families at Enrollment
Of the number of two-parent families, the number of families in which both parents/guardians are in job training or school	0	0
Of the number of two-parent families, the number of families in which one parent/guardian is in job training or school	8	2
Of the number of two-parent families, the number of families in which neither parent/guardian is in job training or school	68	2
Of the number of single-parent families, the number of families in which the parent/guardian is in job training or school	100	16
Of the number of single-parent families, the number of families in which the parent/guardian is not in job training or school	1380	91

E.**Parent/Guardian Education:**

Of the total number of families, the highest level of education obtained by the child's parent(s)/guardian(s)	Head Start # of Families at Enrollment	Early Head Start # of Families at Enrollment
An advanced degree or baccalaureate degree	96	10
An associate degree, vocational school, or some college	570	59
A high school graduate or GED	533	33
Less than high school graduate	349	9

F.**Family Services:**

The number of families who received the following services since last year's PIR was reported:	Head Start # of Families at end of Enrollment	Early Head Start # of Families at end of Enrollment
Emergency/crisis intervention such as meeting immediate needs for food, clothing, or shelter	92	3
Housing assistance such as subsidies, utilities, repairs, etc.	333	6
Mental health services	567	13
English as a Second Language (ESL) training	327	17
Adult education such as GED programs and college selection	719	26
Job training	1033	63
Substance abuse prevention	775	52
Substance abuse treatment	319	48
Child abuse and neglect services	273	55
Domestic violence services	825	31
Child support assistance	0	0
Health education	433	23
Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals	0	0
Parenting education	865	60
Relationship/marriage education	87	5
Of these, the number that received at least one of the services listed above	1295	75

G.**Homelessness Services:**

	Head Start # of Families/Children	Early Head Start # of Families/Children
Total number of families experiencing homelessness that were served during the enrollment year	10	1
Total number of children experiencing homelessness that were served during the enrollment year	11	3
Total number of families experiencing homelessness that acquired housing during the enrollment year	7	1

H.**Foster Care and Child Welfare:**

	Head Start # of Children	Early Head Start # of Children
Total number of enrolled children who were in foster care at any point during the program year	4	0
Total number of enrolled children who were referred to Head Start/Early Head Start services by a child welfare agency	4	0



THANKSGIVING BASKET GIVE-A-WAY

Manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind are the aims of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Over the past five years, the Beta Iota Lambda and Beta Sigma Chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. have partnered with the East Baton Rouge Head Start Program to provide Thanksgiving Baskets to over 120 families.

The ideal basket consists of a turkey; 5 - 7 can goods, other non-perishable items, and a small assortment of fruit. Throughout the years, both Chapters have enjoyed and appreciated the efforts shown by not only the Administration and Staff of the East Baton Rouge Head Start Program, but the families as well. It is through community partnerships such as this that the men of the Beta Iota Lambda and Beta Sigma Chapters remain a beacon of hope and an important resource within the local community, state, region, and nation, while being true advocates for cultivating tomorrow's leaders.



FATHERHOOD MATTERS

FATHER'S WALK!

The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start launched a fatherhood initiative to better engage fathers in the lives of their children. On November 17, 2014, the East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start, Baton Rouge City Police Department, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Department, U.S. Attorney's Office from the Middle District of Louisiana, and the Baton Rouge City Constable's Office partnered to host the Father's Day Walk.



By engaging these partners, fathers and law enforcement were able to meet and greet to strengthen relationships within the community. These local law enforcement agencies welcomed the fathers as they brought their children to school on that day.

This event opened the door for law enforcement to have a positive role with the fathers and their children.

"As the City Constable in Baton Rouge I was very happy to be a part of this event. This event could be considered a national best practice in community policing that should occur more often." - **Major Reginald Brown**

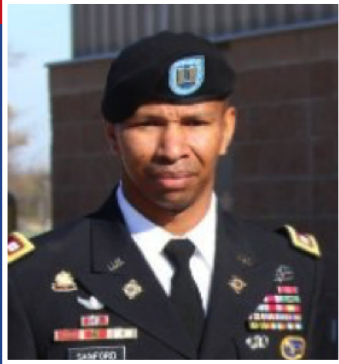
"Thank you for allowing me to be a part of Father's Walk. I was greatly moved in how you all were able to influence fathers to come out and take their place and be leaders. I was extremely proud of the many fathers who participated in this great event."

- **Rodney Walker, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office**



Proud Head Start Alumni

Captain Carlos M. Sanford



Carlos M. Sanford attended Head Start in Brooks Town. After graduating from Zachary High School in 1996, Carlos attended Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La; however, he eventually earned his undergraduate degree from Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC with a BS in History. Shortly after, Carlos attended Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, FL and graduated with a MS in Logistics Management.

Carlos has been in the military for 14 years and his current rank is Captain. Captain Sanford is the Commander of a Forward Support Company assigned to the 7-101 General Support Aviation Battalion, 159 Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and he manages and executes sustainment operations in support of the Battalion Commander's intent. In addition, he also serves as the Senior Logistician in the Battalion. Captain Sanford is responsible for the leadership, discipline, welfare, professional development, and combat readiness of 112 Soldiers. He is liable for the maintenance and accountability of \$15 million worth of vehicles and equipment and he develops, implements, and supervises individual and collective training programs to ensure combat readiness.

Over the next 10 years Captain Sanford plans on attending Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy and aspires to work for the Pentagon. Shortly after a stint in the Pentagon his plans are to transition from the military and obtain a high-level government position in the civilian world. Captain Sanford is married to Teanda Sanford and they are the parents of one daughter, Caytlyn Sanford. When asked about why he feels the Head Start Program is so important, Captain Sanford had this to say:

"I think the Head Start Program is important because it's a child's first impression to education. More importantly, Head Start is an investment in our children's future. You know what they say, first impressions are lasting impressions."

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!



Crystal Culbreath

Crystal Culbreath is a product of the Head Start program, having attended Scott Head Start Center in South Baton Rouge. She has strong ties to the program and continues to show unprecedented support. Crystal was born and raised in Baton Rouge, LA. and she is a graduate of Broadmoor High School, class of 1988. Crystal has four children who all went through the Head Start Program (Wonderland, New Horizon, Progress I and II, and Children's World Early Head Start), and her grandchildren currently attend Progress

I Head Start Center. Crystal is the Parent President at Progress I, and previously she was the parent president at Progress II, and Parent Vice President at Wonderland and Children's World. Crystal also serves as the Chair of the Policy Council, serving her second term.

Crystal has held several managerial positions over the years and she is currently participating in a program to help fund her own Non-Profit Organization focused on inner city restoration. Crystal's passion is helping revive community spirit and pride through helping to resuscitate distressed properties. When asked why she felt the Head Start Program is so important, Ms. Culbreath stated the following:

"The Head Start program is essential because many parents can't afford day care. The Head Start program helped to save my granddaughter's life. It helped with social development and they taught me that one child would continually learn from another child. I was amazed at what Head Start was able to do for my granddaughter and without the program, she wouldn't have self-confidence and achieve the things that people said she would never achieve"



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Rose Doolittle



Rose Doolittle was originally born and raised in Clinton, LA. and is a graduate of East Feliciana High School, class of 1955 and a graduate of Southern University. She is a retired School Guidance Counselor, and has dedicated her life to helping children and families. Ms. Doolittle has been a volunteer with the EBRP Head Start Program for about 14 years and during her tenure, she started a support group “Grandparents Raising Grandchildren” which was comprised of grandparents from various Head Start centers around

EBRP. The group meets once per month to offer support for each other, however Ms. Doolittle remains available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week if anyone needs her. Ms. Doolittle volunteers despite not having children or grandchildren currently in Head Start. Ms. Doolittle continues to offer her support because there is a huge need and she believes that we must lend a helping hand.

According to Ms. Doolittle, Louisiana is ranked third in the country for the number of grandparents who are raising grandchildren, so this further warrants the need for her volunteerism and the support group for grandparents. The goal of the support group is to advocate for their children and educate and empower grandparents to continue to be strong while raising their grandchildren. In addition to her support services, Ms. Doolittle also serves on the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport Commission. When asked why she felt the Head Start Program is so important, Ms. Doolittle stated the following:

“The Head Start Program is very important because we need to work with families and children at an early age to help them be prepared for the public school system. If we can get parents involved early and help them learn the proper skills, the kids will be successful and they’ll be productive citizens later on.”

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Sedrick Johnson



Sedrick Johnson is from South Baton Rouge and is a graduate of Capital High School, class of 1992. Sedrick has had six children go through the Freeman Mathews Head Start Center since 2005, and he has been a dedicated volunteer the entire time. Mr. Johnson serves on the “Fatherhood Initiative Program” where they support fatherhood advocacy events such as cooking breakfast for the kids, cookouts and reading programs. In addition, he and other fathers have participated in live radio shows promoting fatherhood

initiatives. Sedrick currently owns his own Lawn maintenance and landscaping business. Over the next 10 years, Mr. Johnson plans to expand his lawn care service exponentially. Specifically he wants to hire employees to maintain yards and perform landscaping duties while he focuses on business development and expansion. When asked why he felt the Head Start Program is so important, Sedrick had the following sentiments:

“The Head Start program helped six of my children and they do a great job getting them ready for the public system. All of my kids who came through the Head Start program are now honor roll students, and one was student of the year. I credit the Head Start Program for my kids being advanced and being ready for public school.”



HEAD START CENTERS



Baker Heights Head Start
3750 Harding Street
Baker, LA 70714
(225) 775-1293

Freeman-Matthews Head Start
1383 Napoleon Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
(225) 387-8531

Capitol Area Head Start/EHS
3250 N. Acadian Thruway East
Baton Rouge, LA 70805
(225) 359-9225

Labelle Aire Head Start & Annex
1919 North Cristy Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70815
(225) 275-0426

Charlie Thomas Head Start
8686 Pecan Tree Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70810
(225) 761-4436

New Horizon Head Start & Annex
1111 North 28th Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
(225) 344-2152

Child Development and
Learning Center
7315 Exchange Place
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
(225) 924-3414

Progress I
Head Start Center
1881 Progress Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70807
(225) 774-8158

Children's World Early Head Start
7200 Maplewood Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70812
(225) 355-9776

Progress II
Head Start Center
1881 Progress Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70807
(225) 774-1901

Creative Head Start
3165 Victoria Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70805
(225) 356-3993

Wonderland Head Start
1500 Oleander Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
(225) 346-0677

Discovery Head Start
9700 Scenic Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70807
(225) 775-7719



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Baton Rouge, LA 70805
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**APPLICATIONS ARE
ACCEPTED
YEAR-ROUND.**

HEAD START ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Child must reside in East Baton Rouge Parish
- Child must be age 3 (on or before September 30) or age 4.
- Early Head Start - Child must be 6 months to 3 years old or pregnant mothers must provide proof of pregnancy and gestation
- Families must meet income eligibility requirements

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